

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #84

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Purpose of bulletin: To keep local stakeholders informed about COVID-19 and its implications for Wellington County, Dufferin County and the City of Guelph (WDG).

Please note that all editions of this bulletin are posted on our website.

Current WDG Zone Level: Provincewide Shutdown – Grey, (O. Reg. 82/20)

Surveillance

- Information about cases in WDG can be found on our website
- Information about institutional outbreaks can be found in the <u>Retirement and Long-Term</u>
 <u>Care Outbreak Bulletin</u>
- Information about local assessment centres and testing is available on our website

New and Amended Guidance

- <u>Child Care Centre Guidance</u> (January 12)
- Guidance on Indoor Ventilation During the Pandemic (January 11)
- <u>WDGPH COVID-19 Guidance for Restaurants & Others Food Premises Grey</u> <u>Shutdown/Lockdown</u> (December 26)

Ontario Declares Second Provincial Emergency

The Government of Ontario is declaring a second provincial emergency under s 7.0.1 (1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA). Effective Thursday, January 14 at 12:01 a.m., the government is issuing a stay-at-home order requiring everyone to remain at home with exceptions for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services, for exercise or for essential work. This order and other new and existing public health restrictions are aimed at limiting people's mobility and reducing the number of daily contacts with those outside an immediate household. In addition to limiting outings to essential trips, all businesses must ensure that any employee who can work from home, does work from home. Please refer to the <u>Government of Ontario news release</u> for details on additional public health restrictions announced.

A full list of emergency orders under the EMPCA as well as orders under the ROA can be found on the <u>e-Laws website</u> and at <u>Ontario.ca/alert</u>.



COVID-19 Vaccine Information

A new <u>COVID-19 vaccine information section</u> has been added to our website with information on our local situation in WDG as well as a collection of the latest information about COVID-19 vaccines in Canada from reliable sources. Due to the ever-changing landscape of vaccine research and distribution it is expected that this information will be updated frequently so check back often.

Ministry COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

- <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Aftercare Sheet</u> (January 6)
- What you Need to Know Before your COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment (January 7)
- Information Sheet Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (January 7)
- <u>COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations for Special Populations</u> (January 7)
- <u>COVID-19 About Vaccines</u> (January 6)
- <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Availability and Rollout</u> (January 6)

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On January 11, the <u>Canada Revenue Agency</u> announced they will begin <u>issuing T4A</u> <u>slips</u> to Canadians who received COVID-19 related benefits to support their tax filing.
- On January 10, the <u>Government of Ontario</u> announced it is providing \$7.5 million to help educators better support children with Autism Spectrum Disorder by funding online courses and training to teachers and educational assistants during the pandemic.

Additional Resources

- Government of Ontario's <u>COVID-19 Worker and Employee Screening</u> (January 11)
- Government of Ontario's <u>COVID-19 Customer Screening</u> (January 11)
- PHAC's For Travellers Without Symptoms Returning to Canada (January 8)
- PHAC's For Travellers With Symptoms Returning to Canada (January 8)
- PHAC's For Persons Exempt from Mandatory Quarantine (January 8)

Contact Information for Additional Support

WDGPH COVID-19 Call Centre

- For health-related questions, including symptoms, close contacts or travel:
 - o Call 519-822-2715 ext. 7006
 - \circ Available Monday Friday from 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- For non-health related questions, including business or workplace concerns, social distancing/face covering questions or non-emergency reporting questions:
 - o Call 519-822-2715 ext. 4020
 - \circ Available Monday Friday from 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

Please do not call Public Health for your test results. Visit how to get your COVID-19 test results.



Reliable Information Sources

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health: <u>www.wdgpublichealth.ca</u> Ontario Ministry of Health: <u>www.ontario.ca/coronavirus</u> Public Health Agency of Canada: <u>www.canada.ca/coronavirus</u> Ontario Emergency Information: <u>www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information</u>